

## KENT COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Number of Farms	318	325	318
Average Size (acres)	413	363	369
Land in Farms (acres)	131,283	117,905	117,372
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Cattle	7,249	8,164	8,757
Hogs	8,599	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>2</sup>
Sheep	736	775	1,068
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> <sup>1</sup>			
All Products (\$1,000)			66,836
Nursery & Greenhouse (\$1,000)			17,582
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			13,373
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			<sup>2</sup>
<i>Demographic Data</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Average Age of Operator	54.8	56.9	57.1
Percent Female Operators	10.4	11.4	13.8
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
Number of Equine Places			170
Equine Inventory			1,610
Value of Equine Inventory			\$29,025,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup>			
Corn for Grain	3	Soybeans	6
Barley	6	Vegetables	7
Forage	11	Wheat	4

<i>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup>			
Beef Cattle	20	Milk Cows	5
Broilers	8	Sheep	8
Hogs	6		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2002	40,100	65.7	2,632,700
	2003	42,000	126.4	5,308,800
	2004	40,000	165.2	6,607,100
Corn for Silage (tons)	2002	4,600	15.9	73,300
	2003	2,700	13.6	36,700
	2004	3,600	19.0	68,400
Soybeans (bushels)	2002	39,000	23.5	915,700
	2003	38,100	43.2	1,646,000
	2004	42,000	43.4	1,824,800
Wheat (tons)	2002	15,600	67.7	1,056,500
	2003	13,900	34.9	485,800
	2004	13,000	64.9	843,960
Hay (tons)	2002	4,300	2.5	10,700
	2003	3,200	2.6	8,400
	2004	4,100	3.3	13,600
Barley (bushels)	2002	3,600	90.2	324,800
	2003	3,300	61.5	202,800
	2004	3,200	76.4	244,600

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$82.16	\$85.33	\$79.44

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